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IRANIAN ARMY STATEMENT ON U.S. RESCUE ATTEMPT

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(TEXT) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY
THE JOINT STAFF OF THE ARMY OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE COMPASSIONATE, THE MERCIFUL,
"ALLAH VERILY SHALL NOT CHANGE WHAT IS IN A PEOPLE
UNTIL THEY CHANGE WHAT IS IN THEMSELVES"--KORAN.

AT THIS JUNCTURE WHEN THE REVOLUTIONARY AND STRUGGLING
NATION OF IRAN, BY ITS DESTRUCTION OF THE EDIFICE
OF THE SATANS IS PROCEEDING TOWARD THE REALIZATION OF ITS
ISLAMIC MISSION, ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO IS THE FRIEND AND
COMPANION OF THE MECK, IS RENDERING HELP TO OUR RISING
NATION SO MUCH SO THAT AS A RESULT OF PURSUIT BY AIRCRAFT
OF THE AIR FORCE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TWO
U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRYING A NUMBER OF CIA AGENTS AND U.S.
MARINES WITH THE AIM OF LAUNCHING A SURPRISE RAID ON THE
SPY DEN OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN TEHRAN TO RELEASE THE
HOSTAGES, COLLIDED WHILE FLEEING FROM THE TERRITORY
OF IRAN, CAUGHT FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF THE
TABAS REGION.

IN THE MEANTIME, DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED
LATER.

WITH THE SUCCOUR OF ALMIGHTY GOD, ISLAM IS VICTORIOUS.

(SIGNED) JOINT STAFF OF THE ARMY OF THE ISLAMIC
REPUBLIC OF IRAN.